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Mr. Richard H. Karney, P.E. Manager
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Building Technologies Program
Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20685

Dear Mr. Karney:

I am writing in response to your letter dated February 11, 2003, with regard to the potential revisions to the Energy Star criteria for windows, doors and skylights.

As a large manufacturer of vinyl window products, a strong supporter of the Energy Star Program and a past three-time winner of the Energy Star Partner of the Year, I strongly support the Three-Zone alternative as the new criteria for the Energy Star Windows Program. While the Four Zone option provides a better overall potential national energy savings, it is more complicated and much harder for the consumer to understand. In addition, the consumer of today is demanding energy efficient windows that provide both winter heating savings and summer cooling savings. As pointed out in the Department of Energy analysis, the Three-Zone alternative provides the best overall program.

Based on all of the above, I strongly urge you to adopt the Three-Zone alternative as the new standard for the Department of Energy windows program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne D. Fredrick". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Wayne D. Fredrick
Group Vice President, Sales
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